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**My name is Maureen Gorman, I am a teacher at Global Communications Academy in Hartford, Connecticut. I fully support HB 5372 An Act Concerning Dyslexia Instruction Offered in Teacher Preparation Programs.**

**I am Reading Intervention Teacher and a certified Dyslexia Instructor with fifteen years of experience. Over the years I have seen many broken hearts of children that suffer from Dyslexia. Many teachers are not properly trained to identify and teach students with Dyslexia. If teachers are trained, they will be able to identify and support students with this specific learning problem. Please consider how the state education system will change if teachers are better prepared. Districts will spend less money and it will ultimately save the state a tremendous amount of money. Literacy and graduation rates will improve, we will have a more educated workforce and reduced crime rates.**

**Many other states include explicit reading instruction in teacher preparation programs. Research has proven that when teachers are prepared, students make progress. Explicit Multisensory instruction will improve literacy for all students. Don't let the children of Connecticut suffer...**

**Sincerely,**

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